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*El Paso, Tex., July 28, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit herewith the summary of work at this station for the week ended July 28, 1900: inspection Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 114 persons; inspection Mexican Central Railroad freight train crew, 22; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad trains, 16; inspection of Mexican immigrants, 29; inspection of Russian immigrants, 5; disinfection of blankets, bedding, etc., of immigrants, 34 bundles; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 414 pieces; fumigation of hides of cattle, 432.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., July 26, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended July 21, 1900: Inspected persons on Mexican National Railroad, 384; immigrants inspected and passed, 35; immigrants vaccinated, 7; immigrants refused entry, 5. Immigrants refused entry on account of 1 of the family suffering with impetigo contagiosa and 1 had alopecia areata. July 18, disinfected 3 bags of merchandise and 3 boxes personal effects of 4 Arab peddlers.

*Laredo, Tex., July 29, 1900—Report of inspection.*—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report at foot and tramway bridge for week ended July 28, 1900: Allowed entry over bridge, 3,264; refused entry, 1 person three days out from State of Vera Cruz. Italians refused entry during week reported, 18. All these Italians, except 2, arrived at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, during week reported.

Report of inspection at Mexican National Railroad Bridge for week ended July 28, 1900: Persons on Mexican National Railroad inspected and allowed entry, 425; immigrants, Mexican, inspected and passed, 14; immigrants vaccinated, 5; immigrants, Italian, refused entry, 3; 1 person, six days from Tampico, refused entry; 1 person, nine days from Vera Cruz, refused entry; baggage consisting of 1 trunk and 1 valise disinfected. July 27, 1 person, seven days from Vera Cruz, came from Havana, Cuba; allowed in detention camp and baggage disinfected.

*Six Italian immigrants returned to Mexico.*—I have the honor to report that United States Marine-Hospital Service guards caught 6 Italians who had crossed the river in a skiff at night on July 27 and turned them over to the immigrant inspector, who had them sent across the border.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Cruise of the Bratton on the west coast of Florida.*

U. S. S. W. D. BRATTON, *August 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of cruise of the U. S. S. W. D. *Bratton* for the period from July 26 to July 29, inclusive:

The *Bratton* left Port Tampa at 5 a. m. on the morning of the 26th and headed for Anclote Key, where she arrived at 1 p. m. of the same day. Six smacks were sighted about 10 miles offshore, but none were found in the harbor. There were, however, about 100 sponging vessels at anchor at Bailys Bluff.

On the 27th the weather became squally, and at 9 a. m. the smacks began coming in and anchored about one-half mile beyond the *Bratton*, and by nightfall there were 28 of them anchored close together, but no attempt was made to board them on account of heavy sea. At 5 p. m. the revenue cutter *McLane* came up and anchored about 5 miles south of us in the southwest channel of Anclote Harbor.

About 4 a. m. on the 28th I began boarding smacks accompanied by Inspector Browder, but many of them attempted to get away and more than half of them escaped before I could board them and went to sea.

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Two vessels boarded were the *Padre de Dios* and the *Nueva Floryda*, they both had certificates of disinfection and were evidently trying to escape for fear that their aguardiente would be seized. The other vessels boarded were the *Antonio Suarez*, from Havana, July 10, crew of 8 men, with certificate of disinfection. The *Cuba*, from Havana, July 11, crew of 7 men, inspected and passed by Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick. *Mascot*, from Havana, July 11, crew of 8 men, inspected and passed by Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick. *Isla de Cuba*, from Havana, July 11, crew of 7 men, inspected and passed by Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick. *Antonio y Paco*, from Havana, July 19, certificate of disinfection. *Clotilde*, from Havana, July 17, crew of 6 men, certificate of disinfection. *Carmen*, from Havana, July 9, crew of 7 men, certificate of disinfection. *Juan Capdebou*, from Havana, July 9, crew of 8 men, certificate of disinfection. *Emelio*, crew of 6 men, from Havana, July 13, certificate of disinfection. All others got off to sea before I could board them.

At 6 a. m. the *McLane* got under way and headed south evidently having seen neither the *Bratton* nor the smacks, and by 7 a. m. was out of sight in the direction of Port Tampa.

At night the weather got bad again and several smacks returned and anchored near us, but no attempt was made to board them as the sea was too high.

On the morning of the 29th, however, I began boarding at daylight, and the following were inspected: *Maria de los Angeles*, from Havana, July 10; crew of 7 men; certificate of disinfection. *Antonio Casteleiro*, from Havana, July 16; crew of 6 men; certificate of disinfection. *Antonio Barba*, from Havana, July 20; crew of 8 men; certificate of disinfection. *Angela Alvarez*, from Havana, July 14; crew of 8 men; certificate of disinfection. *Juanita Caballo*, from Havana, July 20; crew of 7 men; certificate of disinfection. Upon the completion of this work, the *Bratton* was got under way and headed for Port Tampa, where she arrived at 1 p. m.

Respectfully,

G. M. CORPUT,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

*Further concerning enteric fever in Charleston, S. C.*

CHARLESTON, S. C., August 1, 1900.

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 12th ultimo in regard to the recent outbreak of enteric fever in this city, I have to state that in the latter part of July there was an increase of the disease, so that the total number of new cases reported during that month was 90, and 8 deaths.

Respectfully,

JNO. VANSANT,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Status of smallpox in Washington, D. C.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that since my letter of the 23d instant no new cases of smallpox have been reported. Four patients have been discharged from the smallpox hospital, cured. There is,